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that to him, and I just state for the record  
his mom, as always, is present n court.

THE COURT: You want to say  
anything?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. I want to say  
a few words.

THE COURT: Okay.

THE DEFENDANT: First of all, I  
wanted to ask for forgiveness of the things  
that are happening. I'm not the type of  
person that does bad things. And, first of  
all, the signature that was in the statement,  
I didn't know what I was signing because I had  
never been in jail before. I did not know  
that I was just taking the case all on to my  
myself. I have been in this country for a  
long time and I don't want to spend a lot of  
time in prison. I would like to continue  
studying and to be near my family. I don't  
want to pay for things I didn't do. That's  
it.

THE COURT: Well, if that's the  
case, then under oath when you swore that you  
did this, then you lied, and that's perjury.